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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO PRC

REF: STATE 156570

1. DURING JUNE 23 VISIT TO PARIS BY AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH, FRENCH MFA ADVISER ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ANDRE JACOMET AND MFA DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR AFFAIRS PHILIPPE LOUET PROVIDED FOLLOWING ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE THE USG OF CURRENT GOF UNDERSTANDINGS ON THIS SUBJECT: THE GOF BELIEVES THERE IS NO MEANS BY WHICH THE PRC WOULD ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON A FRENCH-BUILT REACTOR LOCATED IN MAINLAND CHINA. THE GOF IS NOW CONSIDERING THE APPROACH THAT WITHIN THE SPECIFIC CONTRACT FOR THE PLANT PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE RETURN OF THE SPENT FUEL TO FRANCE AND THAT FRENCH TECHNICIANS WOULD
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BE ON SITE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF THE FUEL; THIS CONTRACT WILL BE COVERED BY A GENERAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT SPECIFYING THAT THE PLANT WILL BE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

3. LOUET SAID THAT A FRAMATOME MISSION WAS GOING TO THE PRC ON JULY 1 FOR TWO WEEKS TO FURTHER THE DETAILS

OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PLANT. THE FRENCH APPROACH
OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE WOULD BE PRESENTED. LOUET
SAID HE WOULD INFORM US OF THE RESULTS OF THE TRIP AFTER
JULY 15.

4. THIS CABLE PREPARED AFTER AMBASSADOR SMITH'S
DEPARTURE FROM PARIS. HE MAY WISH TO CORRECT OR ADD
COMMENTS TO THE ABOVE.
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